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"Thank you for your service." When I think of a veteran, I think of a person who has a kind heart, a loving spirit, and defends what they believe in. We are the ones who underestimate these people, and we are the ones who take them for granted. It is they who protect us, and they who protect and defend who we are. So show them that we are grateful! When we sing the national anthem, when we repeat the Pledge of Allegiance, we are doing this so that we can thank those who have served.

"Thank you for your service." Those are such simple words, given to those that defend our country no matter the cost. This is what we say when we thank those who have fought a battle, who have lost their lives so we can be free. So we can be a country, a state, a nation. They defend truth and justice.

"Thank you for your service." We go to sleep easier a night, knowing that we are safe because of your service to this country. We wake up each morning knowing that we will be safe that day, and because of that, we lead better lives. A veteran has a family that they must leave. They leave their family wondering if they will be back. But one thing that they should always know is that they are an amazing person, and America admires them.

"Thank you for your service." Thank you so much to all of the veterans who have fought, who have never returned to their families, suffered a loss. Thank you for defending America and doing what is good. Veterans give is the chance to have the most important thing: FREEDOM! We can make our own choices because of veterans. Thank you for serving, protecting, defending, and making America a better place. Thank you for your service.